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JIN Conference 2000

This fall, representatives of the justice community throughout this state will come together at the third JIN Conference at Seattle's Bell Harbor Convention Center. There has been a tremendous amount of progress made in Washington toward the goal of integrated justice. The JIN Conference will bring together professional justice practitioners for up-to-the-minute information about the programs in progress across the state. This event is co-sponsored by the Washington State Law and Justice Advisory Committee and the Department of Information Services and promises to be this year's the must-attend event for justice professionals.

The JIN Conference will be held Wednesday, November 8 at the Bell Harbor Conference Center in Seattle.

This conference will be a fact-filled day that is a must-see for all justice professionals. Conference faculty will include well-known national speakers and state of Washington experts covering the following topics:

DRAFT AGENDA

- ◆ Digital Justice and Digital Government
- ◆ Technology: State of the State for Digital Justice
- ◆ The Network: The Justice Information Network
- ◆ Criminal History: Real-time Identification
- ◆ Courts, Plans for the Future (Electronic J+S, Electronic Citations,

**JIN CONFERENCE
IS SET FOR
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 8, 2000**

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FEATURE STORY

*Scanning
fingerprints and
using AFIS for
instant
identification can
replace a time-
consuming
traditional system*

- Electronic filings)
- ◆ Custody: DOC, OMNI, Offender, Accountability Act
- ◆ Jail Management System
- ◆ Improved Driver's License and Internet Projects
- ◆ Summary Offender Profile: Definition and Roll-out Plans
- ◆ Justice and the National View
- ◆ Roundtable, Questions and Answers

Court administrator embraces privacy notice from governor's order

The Office of the Administrator of the Courts told the Criminal Justice Information Act Executive Committee that it has voluntarily adopted--in practice and in policy--provisions of Gov. Gary Locke's Executive Order 00-03 on public records privacy protections. As part of a comprehensive review and rewrite of their records dissemination policies, the courts used the Model Privacy Notice (prepared at the direction of EO 00-03) in developing notices for their public access applications.

OMNI project on target

The Department of Corrections (DOC) is well underway in its new OMNI project. The latest reports indicate that IBM has fulfilled the first two deliverables of the project: the Project Management Plan and the Data Warehouse Architecture. This includes several reports that were unable to be obtained prior to the Data Warehouse Architecture. IBM and DOC staffs are now analyzing the project for potential priority changes in the types of software modules needed for the OMNI development. With the Offender Accountability Plan now in effect, it may be more feasible to reorder some modules that would more directly address the way DOC is managing offenders.

Live scan fingerprint systems promise faster criminal IDs in Washington State

The Washington state justice community, led by the Washington State Patrol, recently proved that its automated fingerprint identification system can work in real time.

Recent testing involving the Spokane County Jail and the state's Criminal Records Division showed that suspect fingerprints read by remote "live scan" devices can be transmitted over the state's Justice Information Network for comparison with thousands of records in the state's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database. If there is a match, results are returned to the field operator in minutes.

Scanning fingerprints and using AFIS for instant identification can replace a time-consuming traditional system of sending suspects' fingerprints on paper index cards by US mail to be compared with prints in the central database.

The story underscores how powerful technology resources like AFIS help law enforcement professionals solve tough problems.

Once this live scan technology is implemented at all levels of the justice system, dozens of city and county law enforcement agencies will be able to submit criminal suspects' fingerprints to the state's central repository at the time of arrest, or while the suspects remain in custody.

When fully operational, real-time automated identification will close the net around criminals who attempt to conceal their true identities and criminal histories by using an alias. Deployed on a wide scale, the combination of live scanning and AFIS should greatly reduce the time in which suspects can be identified and arrested.

In a true scenario earlier this year, AFIS allowed a state patrol fingerprint expert to quickly identify an unconscious, seriously injured criminal suspect in an Olympia, Wash. hospital. The story underscores how powerful technology resources like AFIS help law enforcement professionals solve tough problems.

AFIS was implemented by the state patrol in partnership with the Washington State Department of Information Services, and is housed in the agency's data center.

New web resource

The Bureau of Justice Statistics has published a "Guide to the BJS Website," available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

July CJIA meeting cancelled

The July meeting of the CJIA Executive Committee has been cancelled. The August meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the DIS Boardroom in the Forum Building in Olympia.

August JIC meeting

The next regularly scheduled JIC meeting is Thursday, August 10, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the DIS Boardroom in the Forum Building in Olympia.

Tell us about it...

If you have information or a feature story that you believe would be of value to the Justice Community, please send it to the JIN Coordinator at DennisH@dis.wa.gov.

**NEXT JIC MEETING:
THURSDAY, AUGUST
10 AT 10 A.M.**

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